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(54) Stable complexes of poorly soluble compounds

(57) Stable water-insoluble complexes of poorly soluble compounds molecularly dispersed in water-insoluble ionic polymers are disclosed. Useful insoluble ionic polymers have a molecular weight greater than about 80,000 D and a glass transition temperature equal to or greater than about 50°. The compounds are microprecipitated in the ionic polymers in amorphous form. The complexes according to the present invention significantly increase the bioavailability of poorly soluble therapeutically active compounds.

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